



B.Y.O.B



Byob



philadelphia  
the place to  
**b.y.o.be**



#.##



#.##

[www.gophila.com/byob](http://www.gophila.com/byob)



B.Y.O.B



# Welcome to Philadelphia, the place to b.y.o.be!

Soon the bring-your-own-bottle (BYOB) restaurant will be as synonymous with Philadelphia as the cheesesteak, the soft pretzel and Rocky. Typically cozy, family-run, laid-back—and all about the food—BYOBs can be found around most every corner of Center City and tucked down country roads (at last count, more than 200).

## **Why BYOB?:**

Historians have yet to come up with the name of the region's very first BYOB, but modern restaurant experts agree the phenomenon developed as a result of Pennsylvania's strict liquor laws and high liquor taxation. When start-up restaurants choose to forgo the expenses of owning a liquor license, they lower their initial overhead, which lets them keep menu prices lower, which, in turn, attracts a wider range of clientele. Today, the spirit of the BYOB celebrates this level of freedom and casualness. Like the brasserie, the café and the gastropub, the BYOB has evolved into its own genre, and consumers like being in charge. At a BYOB, diners get to drink exactly what they want to drink without draining the budget and without sacrificing quality.

## **BYOB Etiquette:**

BYOBs rarely stand for fussy manners. Most permit jeans. Brown-bagging chardonnay is universally accepted, as is substituting wine for beer. Still, there are a few ground rules:

**#1:** Use this guide to learn reservation policies, as the rules vary widely. One spot may allow reservations during the week but not on weekends. Another may allow you to call ahead and place your name on a waiting list. And many will gladly find you at the bar across the street when your table is ready.

**#2:** Most BYOBs will not ask you to open your own bottle.

**#3:** Many BYOBs are cash only. Use this handy guide to find out if you need to stop at an ATM on the way!

☀ Need help deciding? Ask your concierge for a recommendation! ☀

# Fun Facts

- Not only was the **Jamaican Jerk Hut** featured in the film *In Her Shoes*, but director Curtis Hanson also selected the restaurant's owner, Nicola Shirley, to prepare the food that was on camera. At the end of the day's shooting, stars Cameron Diaz and Toni Collette joined Hanson in polishing off the cuisine.
- The owner of the **High Street Caffe** was formerly the member of a rock band, and members of the rock groups Cinderella and Ratt frequently dine in the restaurant.
- **The Orchard** features custom-milled mahogany lockers, where guests can stow their own preferred spirits. The staff maintains a register based on the contents of each locker, which is kept on file so guests can receive an up-to-date personal wine list with each visit.
- **Pumpkin**, located on South Street, was named in honor of the owners' pet name for one another.
- A number of couples own BYOs in the area. See restaurant listings for details.
  - **Bistro 7**: Michael O'Halloran and Sophia Lee (Old City)
  - **Gilmore's French Cuisine**: Peter and Susan Gilmore (Chester County)
  - **Lee How Fook**: Founded by Doris and Shing Chung, run by their daughter and son-in-law Sieu and Andrew Nguyen (Chestnut Hill/Mt. Airy/Germantown)
  - **Lolita**: Marcie Turney and Valerie Safran (Washington Square)
  - **Matyson**: Matt and Sonjia Spector (Rittenhouse Square)
  - **Melograno**: Rosemarie Tran and Gianluca Demontis (Rittenhouse Square)
  - **Pif**: David and Catherine Ansill (Bella Vista/Italian Market)
  - **Pumpkin**: Ian Moroney and Hillary Bor (Graduate Hospital)

☼ To find a great BYOB restaurant and the nearest liquor store, check out the interactive map at [www.gophila.com/byob](http://www.gophila.com/byob). ☼



Gilmore's - R. Kennedy



Cafe Lulu's - B. Krist



Merca to - G. Widman

ALL PHOTOS COURTESY OF GPTMC.

## Outside the City

### BUCKS COUNTY

#### Blue Sage Vegetarian Grille - Vegetarian

The globally inspired eats at this casual grille are meatless—many are also vegan and dairy-free. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted for dinner. 772 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Pike, Southampton, (215) 942-8888

**Nearest Liquor Store:** 500 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Pike, Southampton

#### Café Con Leche - South American, Mexican, Eclectic

Informal and friendly, the Latin-inflected Café Con Leche features a diverse lunch and dinner menu and a changing slate of fresh, homemade desserts. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted for parties of five or more.

16 S. State Street, Newtown, (215) 497-1020  
**Nearest Liquor Store:** 10 W. Centre Avenue, Newtown

#### Casablanca - Moroccan

At Casablanca, a traditional multi-course meal is served up with entertainment courtesy of live belly dancers every weekend. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted.

1111 Easton Road, Warrington, (215) 343-7715  
**Nearest Liquor Store:** 1661 Easton Road, Warrington

#### The Inn at Phillips Mill - French

A converted barn is the quaint, romantic setting for this classic French restaurant in picturesque New Hope. Cash only. Reservations required. 2590 N. River Road, New Hope, (215) 862-9919

**Nearest Liquor Store:** 6542-C Logan Square, New Hope

### CHESTER COUNTY

#### Gilmore's - Contemporary French

A former Le Bec-Fin chef offers inventive fine dining in an elegant, pint-sized restaurant in historic West Chester. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted. 133 E. Gay Street,

West Chester, (610) 431-2800

**Nearest Liquor Store:** 700 Downingtown Pike, West Chester

#### High Street Caffe - Cajun, Creole

In addition to the familiar gumbos of New Orleans cuisine, this funky, festive kitchen also offers a range of exotic game meats and creative pasta dishes. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted. 322 S. High Street, West Chester, (610) 696-7435

**Nearest Liquor Store:** 680 Downingtown Pike

#### Margaret Kuo's Mandarin - Chinese

The second in a family of local Chinese restaurants, Margaret Kuo's warmly decorated Malvern outpost focuses exclusively on Mandarin specialties like braised duck. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted. 190 Lancaster Avenue, Malvern, (610) 444-5600

**Nearest Liquor Store:** 215 Lancaster Avenue, Malvern

#### Sovana Bistro - Italian, French

A casual coffee bar and neighborhood lunch joint becomes a dining landmark at night when its exquisite thin-crust pizzas, delicate pastas and pitch-perfect entrees draw patrons from miles around. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted Fridays and Saturdays. 696 Unionville Road, Kennett Square, (610) 444-5600

**Nearest Liquor Store:** 350 Scarlett Road, Kennett Square

### DELAWARE COUNTY

#### Fellini Café - Italian

Candlelight and original art set the stage for a relaxing meal, which may include homemade pasta, pizza or seafood. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted. 3541 West Chester Pike, Newtown Square, (610) 353-6131

**Nearest Liquor Store:** 3590 West Chester Pike, Newtown Square

#### Johnny K's Coastal Cuisine - Caribbean, American

Seafood is the mainstay at Johnny's, but grilled meats and West Indian curries are also thrown into the mix. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted. 5 Brookline Boulevard, Havertown, (610) 446-2780

**Nearest Liquor Store:** 2012 Darby Road, Havertown

#### Nadia Thai Cuisine - Asian

The cheerful corner storefront formerly known as Nooddi offers a sampling of traditional dishes from across the Asian continent. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted. 42 E. State Street, Media, (610) 892-8710

**Nearest Liquor Store:** 315 W. Baltimore Avenue, Media

#### Nais Cuisine - French, Thai

A family-owned bistro in the heart of Havertown, Nais specializes in cross-continental fare like veal sautéed with apricots and ginger. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted. 13-17 Benedict Avenue, Havertown, (610) 789-5983

**Nearest Liquor Store:** 2012 Darby Road, Havertown

### MONTGOMERY COUNTY

#### Fayette Street Grille - Contemporary

The contemporary menu at this casual spot builds some globally influenced dishes into its hearty, comfort-food foundation. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted. 308 Fayette Street, Conshohocken, (610) 567-0366

**Nearest Liquor Store:** 44 Ridge Pike, Conshohocken

#### La Cava - Mexican

Haute Mexican cuisine, including a long list of creative specials, is served in an elegant, upscale dining room. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted. 60 E. Butler Avenue, Ambler, (215) 540-0237

**Nearest Liquor Store:** 131 E. Butler Avenue, Ambler

#### Little Marakesh - Moroccan

Step into this strip mall casbah for a taste of excellently rendered Moroccan food, hookah

pipes, belly dancing and North African crafts. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted. 1825 S. Limekiln Pike, Dresher, (215) 643-3003

**Nearest Liquor Store:** 1825 Limekiln Pike, Dresher

#### Mirna's - Mediterranean

With two locations in Montgomery County, Mirna's has earned a dedicated following for its crowd-pleasing blend of Middle Eastern and Italian cooking. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted. 417 Old York Road, Jenkintown, (215) 885-2046

**Nearest Liquor Store:** 416 Old York Road, Jenkintown

#### Sang Kee Asian Bistro - Chinese

A spin-off of Chinatown's popular duck house, Sang Kee Asian Bistro caters to the suburban crowd with deftly prepared Chinese delicacies. Credit cards accepted. Reservations not accepted. 339 E. Lancaster Avenue, Wynnwood, (610) 658-0618

**Nearest Liquor Store:** 922 Lancaster Avenue, Bryn Mawr

#### Spring Mill Café - French, North African

Housed in an old country store and art gallery is this charming, upscale restaurant that serves classic French and North African fare. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted. 164 Barren Hill Road, Conshohocken (610) 828-2550

**Nearest Liquor Store:** 44 Ridge Pike, Conshohocken

#### Sushikazu - Japanese

It's easy to miss this little bungalow tucked behind a shopping center, but Sushikazu is a standout among the area's Japanese restaurants. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted. 920 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell, (610) 272-7767

**Nearest Liquor Store:** 1301 Skipack Pike, Blue Bell

#### Viggiano's - Italian

A former funeral home turned into a Tuscan dining room, Viggiano's is known for hearty, red-sauce cooking served family style. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted. 16 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Conshohocken, (610) 825-3151

**Nearest Liquor Store:** 44 Ridge Pike, Conshohocken

# In the City

## BELLA VISTA/ITALIAN MARKET

**Nearest Liquor Store:** 724 South Street  
(For all listings in this neighborhood)

### Butcher's Café - Contemporary American/Italian

Deep in the Italian Market, this intimate dining room serves an eclectic menu of Italian and Philly favorites for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted. 901 Christian Street, (215) 925-6200

### Cucina Forte - Italian

Maria Forte's kitchen is strong indeed, with earthy meats and heavenly pastas that have won many loyal fans for the native Italian chef. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted. 768 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, (215) 238-0778

### Little Fish - Seafood

Fresh fish is the bread and butter of this romantic eatery, and it's reinvented every night with delicious daily specials. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted. 600 Catherine Street, (215) 413-3464

### Pif - French

Daily changing bistro fare showcases seasonal produce and owner/chef David Ansil's refined skills. Cash only. Reservations accepted. 1009 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, (215) 625-2923

### Sabrina's Café - American

A hotspot for weekend brunch, Sabrina's serves up delectable pancakes and equally homey comfort food for dinner. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted for dinner. 910 Christian Street, (215) 574-1599

### Salt & Pepper - American

The open kitchen in this modern little bistro churns out simple, fresh and creative dinners. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted. 746 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, (215) 238-1920

## CHESTNUT HILL/MT. AIRY/GERMANTOWN

### Al'Dana - Lebanese

This pleasant neighborhood restaurant serves authentic Lebanese food like kofta kebabs and semolina cake. Cash only. Reservations accepted. 8630 Germantown Avenue, (215) 247-3336

**Nearest Liquor Store:** 8705 Germantown Avenue

### Citrus - Fusion

Emphasizing fish and meatless dishes, Citrus is a good bet for healthy and light eaters. Cash only. Reservations not accepted. 8136 Germantown Avenue, (215) 247-8188

**Nearest Liquor Store:** 8705 Germantown Avenue

### Geechee Girl Rice Café - Southern

Specializing primarily in the cuisine of West African descendants who reside on the Carolina and Florida coastlines, Geechee Girl offers tasty home-style dishes like shrimp and grits, gumbo and black-eyed peas. Cash only. Reservations not accepted. 6825 Germantown Avenue, (215) 843-8113

**Nearest Liquor Store:** 5113 Germantown Avenue

### Hamlet Bistro - Contemporary American

Hamlet's homey, vegetarian-friendly cooking is a perfect match for its colorful, cozy atmosphere. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted. 7105 Emlen Street, (215) 247-5800

**Nearest Liquor Store:** 7204 Germantown Avenue

### Umbria - Contemporary American

Known for its eclectic cuisine in a romantic hideaway setting, Umbria is a popular stalwart in the neighborhood. Cash only. Reservations accepted. 7131 Germantown Avenue, (215) 242-6470

**Nearest Liquor Store:** 7204 Germantown Avenue

## CHINATOWN

**Nearest Liquor Store:** 5 N. 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
(For all listings in this neighborhood)

### Banana Leaf - Malaysian

The spicy curries and sweet ice drinks of Malaysia are served up in a tropical atmosphere, replete with servers in floral print shirts. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted. 1009 Arch Street, (215) 592-8288

### Cherry Street Kosher Vegetarian - Chinese

Imitation meats made from wheat gluten and soy abound at this vegetarian, kosher banquet hall, where the cooking is both light and guilt-free. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted. 1010 Cherry Street, (215) 923-3663

### Four Rivers - Chinese

Those in the know eschew the recognizable dishes here and go off the menu for authentic and occasionally exotic delights. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted during the week. 936 Race Street, (215) 629-8385

### Lee How Fook - Chinese

The name of this casual, family-owned Cantonese restaurant means "Good Taste For the Mouth," and its excellent food has won over fans for two decades. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted. 219 N. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, (215) 925-7266

### Sang Kee Peking Duck House - Chinese

Sang Kee's Peking duck is the stuff of Chinatown legend, and its no-frills dining rooms are almost always bustling. Cash only. Reservations accepted. 238 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, (215) 925-7532

## FAIRMOUNT/ART MUSEUM AREA/LOGAN SQUARE

### Aya's Café - Mediterranean

Mediterranean and Middle Eastern flavors are mixed and matched in Aya's casual, family-friendly dining room. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted. 2129 Arch Street, (215) 567-1555

**Nearest Liquor Store:** 1913 Chestnut Street

### Figs - Mediterranean, Moroccan

Chef/owner Mustapha Rouissiya's global cuisine and quaint dining room are dressed up with authentic Moroccan accents. Cash only. Reservations accepted. 2501 Meredith Street, (215) 978-8440

**Nearest Liquor Store:** 1935 Fairmount Avenue

### Zorba's - Greek

A traditional Greek taverna with island murals, Zorba's delivers excellent fresh seafood and charcoal grilled meats. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted. 2230 Fairmount Avenue, (215) 978-5990

**Nearest Liquor Store:** 1935 Fairmount Avenue

## FISHTOWN/PORT RICHMOND/NORTHERN LIBERTIES

### Palate - Contemporary American

This eatery charms with homey meatloaf and mashed potatoes, friendly service and a casual ambiance. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted. 1033 Spring Garden Street, (215) 236-6061

**Nearest Liquor Store:** 5 N. 12<sup>th</sup> Street

### Sazon - Venezuelan

At Philadelphia's first exclusively Venezuelan restaurant the atmosphere is simple and the fare, like arepas and arroz con pollo, is exceedingly hearty, with plenty of vegetarian and gluten-free options. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted. 941 Spring Garden Street, (215) 763-2500

**Nearest Liquor Store:** 5 N. 12<sup>th</sup> Street

### Tacconelli's Pizzeria - Italian

Often cited as the city's best, Tacconelli's thin-crust pizza is made in a brick oven. It's so popular that patrons are encouraged to reserve their dough in advance. Cash only. Reservations accepted. 2604 E. Somerset Street, (215) 425-4983

**Nearest Liquor Store:** 2401 E. Venango Street

## GRADUATE HOSPITAL

### Jamaican Jerk Hut - Jamaican

The pleasant outdoor patio is the perfect spot to nibble on spicy jerk chicken, beef patties and fragrant peas and rice. Cash only. Reservations accepted. 1436 South Street, (215) 545-8644

**Nearest Liquor Store:** 724 South Street

### Pumpkin - Contemporary American

A daily changing menu of earthy, rustic fare and a cozy ambiance make for a romantic and memorable dining experience. Cash only. Reservations accepted. 1713 South Street, (215) 545-4448

**Nearest Liquor Store:** 2429 South Street

## MANAYUNK

### Terrace Street Bistro - French

Tucked away in a residential enclave, Terrace Street combines the elegant cuisine of a French kitchen with the low-key charm of a neighborhood hangout. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted. 3989 Terrace Street, (215) 508-2775

**Nearest Liquor Store:** 3720 Main Street

## NORTHEAST PHILADELPHIA

### Sweet Lucy's Smokehouse - American

This booming rib business was born out of a truck and has since expanded to a highly acclaimed full-service restaurant. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted for groups larger than 10. 7500 State Road, (215) 331-3112

**Nearest Liquor Store:** 8844 Frankford Avenue

## OLD CITY

**Nearest Liquor Store:** 32 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
(For all listings in this neighborhood)

### Bistro 7 - Contemporary American

Seasonal, local fare is prepared with simple elegance at this understated eatery. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted. 7 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, (215) 931-1560

### Kabul - Afghan

Diners can indulge in Kabul's scallion dumplings and stewed lamb, curl up at a cushiony taqah and listen to the sounds of Afghan music. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted. 106 Chestnut Street, (215) 922-3676

### Radicchio - Italian

Nestled in the back streets of Old City is this warm-hued trattoria with a menu of crowd-pleasing Italian classics—and on weekends, a line out the door. Credit cards accepted. Reservations not accepted. 402 Wood Street, (215) 627-6850

## RITTENHOUSE SQUARE

### Audrey Claire - Mediterranean

This minimal corner eatery set the standard for Philly BYOs in the late 1990s, and it continues to garner accolades for its delicious Mediterranean fare at reasonable prices. Cash only. Reservations accepted during the week and Sundays. 20<sup>th</sup> & Spruce Streets, (215) 731-1222

**Nearest Liquor Store:** 1913 Chestnut Street

### Branzino - Italian

Its elegant décor, attentive service and tableside fillets of the titular fish are among Branzino's alluring charms. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted. 261 S. 17<sup>th</sup> Street, (215) 790-0103

**Nearest Liquor Store:** 1913 Chestnut Street

### Caffé Casta Diva - Italian

Amid Center City's wealth of Italian BYOs is this jewel with a full array of responsibly farmed meats and poultry, homemade focaccia and legendary tiramisu. Cash only. Reservations accepted. 227 S. 20<sup>th</sup> Street, (215) 496-9677

**Nearest Liquor Store:** 1913 Chestnut Street

### La Viola - Italian

Regional Italian cuisine is executed with a light touch at this tiny, invariably crowded restaurant. Cash only. Reservations accepted. 253 S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street, (215) 735-8630

**Nearest Liquor Store:** 1318 Walnut Street

### Matyson - Contemporary American

Owned by a talented chef couple, this bistro pleases with stylish but unpretentious creations and knowledgeable service. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted. 37 S. 19<sup>th</sup> Street, (215) 564-2925

**Nearest Liquor Store:** 1913 Chestnut Street

### Melograno - Italian

Earthy Tuscan specialties like quail and handmade pappardelle shine at this sparsely decorated trattoria. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted during the week. 2201 Spruce Street, (215) 875-8116

**Nearest Liquor Store:** 1913 Chestnut Street

## SOUTH PHILADELPHIA

**Nearest Liquor Store:** 1237 S. 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
(For all listings in this neighborhood)

### August - Contemporary Italian

The stainless steel open kitchen dazzles with light renditions of Italian and Mediterranean classics at this warm and welcoming bistro. Cash only. Reservations accepted. 1247 S. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, (215) 468-5926

### Café de Laos - Laotian, Thai

Tucked in amid Washington Avenue's strip of Mexican and Vietnamese restaurants, this beautifully decorated dining room serves up full-flavored, traditional dishes from both Laos and Thailand. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted. 1117 S. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, (215) 467-1546

### Karina's Ristorante - Italian, Spanish, South American

An intriguing mix of cuisines yields delicious results at this welcoming South Philly eatery. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted. 1520 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 218-0455

### La Lupe - Mexican

The most difficult decision at this tasty Italian Market taqueria is beef or pork, but the prices are so inexpensive that there's no need to choose. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted. 1201 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, (215) 551-9920

### Mamma Maria - Italian

Mamma's seven-course Abruzzese feasts are the stuff of legend, replete with antipasto, soup, pasta, entree, vegetable, cheese and dessert, plus live accordion music on the weekends. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted. 1637 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 463-6884



**Mr. Martino's Trattoria - Italian**

The homey, rustic interior is a draw for fans of this romantic trattoria, but the simple, rib-sticking fare is what keeps them coming back. Cash only. Reservations accepted. 1646 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 755-0663

**Nido - Italian**

Nido's owners, longtime fixtures in the city's Italian restaurant scene, are the hosts at this swanky South Philly storefront that produces consistently strong dishes. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted. 1540 W. Ritner Street, (215) 755-0860

**Roselena's - Italian**

Long a perfect stop for coffee, dessert or a light snack, Roselena's is now open for lunch and dinner six nights a week. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted. 1623 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 755-9697

**QUEEN VILLAGE/SOUTH STREET/SOCIETY HILL**

**Nearest Liquor Store:** 724 South Street (For all listings in this neighborhood)

**Ava - Italian**

A monthly changing menu promises traditional treats like orecchiette with homemade sausage and pork tenderloin in a fig demi-glace. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted. 518 S. 3rd Street, (215) 922-3282

**Django - Contemporary European and American**

Nationally lauded for its charming décor and creative cuisine, Django continues to innovate with local, seasonal ingredients. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted. 526 S. 4th Street, (215) 922-7151

**Dmitri's - Greek**

There's almost always a wait for a seat and a bite of this restaurant's incredible grilled octopus, hummus and other delicacies. Cash only. Reservations not accepted. 795 S. 3rd Street, (215) 625-0556



Figs - R. Kennedy

**Gnocchi - Italian**

True to its name, pasta is the specialty at this small eatery, but the menu also features a lineup of light, simple fare. Cash only. Reservations accepted for parties of six or more. 613 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 592-8300

**Tamarind - Thai**

Its colorful artwork and brightly spiced Thai food make Tamarind a rewarding dining destination. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted. 117 South Street, (215) 925-2764

**UNIVERSITY CITY**

**Nearest Liquor Store:** 4049 Market Street (For all listings in this neighborhood)

**Fatou & Fama - West African, Soul Food, Caribbean**

Rich Senegalese stews, West Indian curries and Southern-fried soul food are available a la carte or by the plateful in one of the city's most reasonably priced daily buffets. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted. 4002 Chestnut Street, (215) 386-0700

**Marigold Kitchen - Contemporary American**

Housed in a charming Victorian home, Marigold serves cutting-edge cuisine that is impeccably arranged and artfully served. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted. 501 S. 45th Street, (215) 222-3699

**Nan - Thai, French**

Escargot and pad Thai get equal billing at this elegant but affordable bistro. Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted. 4000 Chestnut Street, (215) 382-0818

**Rx - Contemporary American**

The seasonally inspired a la carte and prix-fixe menus in this former apothecary make the most of local products—many of which can also be purchased here. 4443 Spruce Street, (215) 222-9590

**Vientiane Café - Loatian, Thai**

A student favorite, Vientiane cooks up Southeast Asian staples like noodles, spring rolls and satays. Cash only. Reservations accepted for groups of five or more. 4728 Baltimore Avenue, (215) 726-1095

**WASHINGTON SQUARE WEST**

**Effie's - Greek**

Traditional Greek specialties are served up in a charming row home with an attractive courtyard. Cash only. Reservations accepted on weekends for groups of six or more. 1127 Pine Street, (215) 592-8333  
**Nearest Liquor Store:** 1318 Walnut Street

**Lolita - Contemporary Mexican**

Chef/owner Marcie Turney's inventive Mexican specialties can be washed down with fresh margarita mixes in flavors like watermelon mint. Cash only. Reservations accepted Sunday through Thursday only. 106 S. 13th Street, (215) 546-7100

**Nearest Liquor Store:** 1218 Chestnut Street

**Mercato - Contemporary Italian**

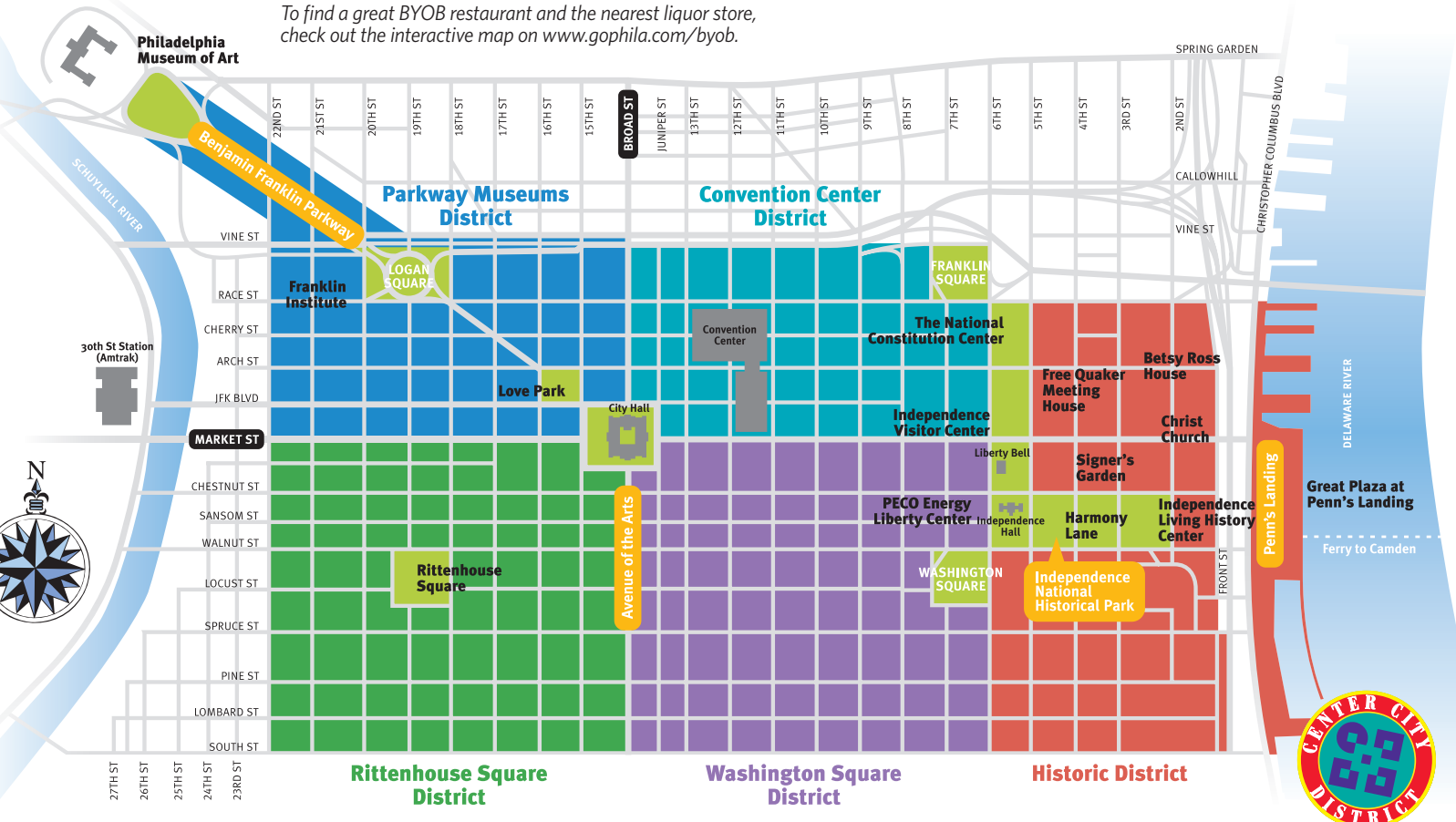
An old market is an appropriate site for delightful, seasonally inspired Italian cooking. Cash only. Reservations not accepted. 1216 Spruce Street, (215) 985-BYOB

**Nearest Liquor Store:** 1218 Chestnut Street

b.y.o.b.



To find a great BYOB restaurant and the nearest liquor store, check out the interactive map on [www.gophila.com/byob](http://www.gophila.com/byob).



**CENTER CITY PHILADELPHIA**

For more detailed maps and information, go to [www.gophila.com/byob](http://www.gophila.com/byob) or ask your concierge for a copy of Where Philadelphia.

